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April 14, 2009

TO: Chairman Jeff Essmann  
Senate Taxation Committee  
RE: Re-appointment of Director Dan Bucks

Dear Chairman Essmann:

I feel the reappointment of Director Dan Bucks as head of the Montana Department of Revenue will be detrimental to the State of Montana. It is unacceptable that he seems to lack the understanding of the repercussions that the actions of the Department of Revenue may have on various entities around our state, namely my Valley County. It is mandatory that counties have timely facts and fiscal cost figures to maintain a consistent predictable stream of revenue.

During testimony on a bill concerning the Ommimex Supreme Court ruling he showed a lack of honesty. He states that he had no plans to further expand the number of companies on the centrally assessed list. Statement from his own department staff at a previous MACO meeting and from a gas company representative contradicted his statement. It appears as if he was trying to cover the fact that he had already had letters leave the DOR which would expand the centrally assessed taxes.

His lack of understanding and honesty should remove him from consideration to be the Head of the Department of Revenue.

Please enter this letter into the record.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*David L. Pippin*  
David L. Pippin, Member  
Valley County Commissioners

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